



MAYOR AND COUNCIL AGENDA

NO. 6

DEPT.: Recreation and Parks
STAFF CONTACT: Susan Nolde

DATE PREPARED: March 22, 2005
FOR MEETING OF: April 4, 2005

SUBJECT: Proclamation Declaring April 29, 2005 as Arbor Day in the City of Rockville.

RECOMMENDATION: Read and present proclamation. Wayne Noll, Assistant City Forester, will accept the proclamation.

DISCUSSION: The City celebrates Arbor Day each year with a tree-planting event. This is a requirement of the City's Tree City USA status. This year, the ceremonial tree planting will be at Maryvale Elementary School on April 29 at 11:45 a.m.

Recreation and Parks Forestry staff will visit all first grade classes in City of Rockville elementary schools during the week of April 18 to talk about Arbor Day and give each student a White Pine tree seedling.

Options Considered: Not applicable.

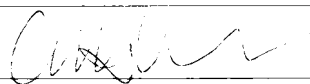
Fiscal Impact: Not applicable.

Change in Law or Policy: Not applicable.

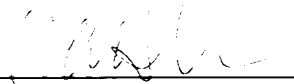
Boards and Commissions Review: Not applicable.

Next Steps: Not applicable.

PREPARED BY:

 for Steve Mader 3/28/05
Steve Mader, Superintendent of Parks and Facilities Date

APPROVED BY:

 Acting Dir of R&P 3/28/05
Burt Hall, Director of Recreation and Parks Date

 3/22/05
Scott Ullery, City Manager Date

LIST OF ATTACHMENTS: Proclamation.

WHEREAS, In 1872, the Nebraska Board of Agriculture set aside a special day called Arbor Day for the planting of trees, in response to a state proclamation urging settlers and homesteaders in that prairie state to plant trees that would provide shade, shelter, fruit, fuel, and beauty for residents of the largely treeless plains; and

WHEREAS, Arbor Day is now observed throughout the nation and the world; and

WHEREAS, trees reduce the erosion of our precious topsoil by wind and water, as well as cut heating and cooling costs, clean the air, produce oxygen, provide habitat for wildlife, and give us a renewable resource of paper, wood, and fuel; and

WHEREAS, trees in our city increase property values, enhance the economic vitality of business areas, and beautify our community; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, LARRY GIAMMO, Mayor, along with the Council of the City of Rockville, do hereby proclaim April 29, 2005 as ARBOR DAY IN THE CITY OF ROCKVILLE, and urge all citizens to support efforts to care for our trees and woodlands, and to support our city's community forestry program.

Mayor Larry Giammo

Councilmember Robert E. Dorsey
Councilmember John F. Hall, Jr.
Councilmember Susan R. Hoffmann
Councilmember Anne M. Robbins

April 18, 2005